Overbridge at Arakkonam

1056. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in construction of over-bridge at Arakkonam station in Southern Railway; and

(b) when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Railway has registered 24% progress on its portion of work.

(b) It will depend on the completion of the approach road work by the Highways Department of the State Government, who have not yet started the work.

Inclusion of certain places under Sambalpur Divisions

1057. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations for inclusion of Jharsuguda and Places along the Howrah-Bombay rail line from Bandomunda to Himgir under the jurisdiction of Sambalpur Division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Representations received form various quarters have been examined and found to be not feasible on operational grounds.

[*Translation*]

Afforestation programmes in Bihar

1058. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various afforestation programmes being implemented in Bihar, district-wise; and

(b) the number of saplings planted during each of the last three years and the number of saplings survived, district-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Shortage of Foodgrains

1059. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of shortage of foodgrains, grain-wise as compared to the levels prescribed under the buffer stocking policy;

(b) the quantum of minimum stock required to be maintained under the policy;

(c) the reasons for the shortfall;

(d) the impact of the shortfall on the Public distribution system; and

(e) the steps being taken to meet the shortfall?